

**MELKITE RESOURCES FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THE TRISAGION PRAYERS**

**Parents:** Blessed ✠ is our God at all times, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Response:** Amen.

**Parents:** Glory to You, our God, glory to You. Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the Treasury of blessings and the Giver of life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

**Children:** Holy ✠ God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One! Have mercy on us!  
*(Three times w/ metany)*

Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us! Lord, forgive us our sins! Master, pardon our transgressions! Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy! *(Three times)*

Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION – TONE 4**

The women disciples of the Lord,  
having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection,  
and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles:  
Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

## EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13 - 24

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let everything you do be done out of love.

Now, I beg you, brethren: you know that the members of Stephanas' family are the first-fruits of Achaia and have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. To such as these, you too become subject, and to every helper and worker. I rejoice at the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because what was lacking on your part they have supplied — for they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. To such as these, therefore, give recognition.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla with the church at their house greet you heartily in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, greet you with my own hand. If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. My love is with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen <sup>1</sup>

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33 - 42

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance.' So, they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?"

They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will lease the vineyard to other vine-dressers, who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, '*The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes*'"<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Epistle Book, English (Apostolos): Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980

<sup>2</sup> Gospel Book, English: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1978